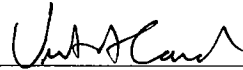


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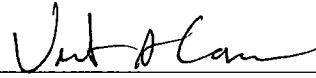
**COMMUNICATION REQUESTING STATUS OF OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on May 22, 2006 as a 371 National Phase of International Application No. PCT/SG04/00380 filed on November 22, 2004, which claimed priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/524,278 filed on November 21, 2003. The Filing Receipt and Notice of Acceptance were issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 10, 2007.

It has been more than two years since the filing of this application and applicant has yet to receive an Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be examined, and an initial Office Action be forwarded at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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